

RES26-155
Testimony

MISC. COMM. 305

*BUDGET (BUD)

***BUDGET (BUD) Meeting**

Meeting Date: Jul 14, 2026 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 6

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Ken Farm	Email: farmk@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 12, 2026 @ 10:06 PM

Testimony:

I support the nomination of Shannon Alivado to serve on the Grants-in-Aid advisory committee.

Based on the following reasons:

- Her previous experience representing the construction industry provides her with unique experience in understanding the inner workings of government and private sector.
- Her current work experience as the Director of Government Relations at Hawaiian Electric Company. Government Relations is a unique skill set that requires working with the community and community stakeholders. Serving as a conduit for community input is a vital role for community support.
- Serving her community of Waimanalo serving on the Board of the Waimanalo Health Center and the Waimanalo Agricultural Association. This shows her deep concern for the health and welfare of her community.

With experience in Government Relations, the private sector, and nonprofit organizations, coupled with leadership positions such as Board Chair of Catholic Charities Hawaii. The residents of the City and County of Honolulu would greatly benefit from Shannon Alivado being appointed as a committee member for the Grants-in-Aid advisory committee for the City and County of Honolulu. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Respectfully,

Ken Farm
Chair Emeritus
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TESTIMONY FOR THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
THE HONORABLE TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR, AND ANDRIA TUPOLA, VICE CHAIR

8 July 2026

RES 26-155

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Tupola, and Council Members,

Thank you for considering my SUPPORT for SHANNON ALIVADO's nomination for the Grants-In-Aid Advisory Commission, the Mayor's nominee via RES 26-155. Having first met Ms. Alivado a decade ago, when she worked for the General Contractors Association of Hawaii, I recommend her as a well-qualified and needed candidate for these reasons:

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- Extensive civic involvement in a voluntary capacity, having served on multiple volunteer boards, readily demonstrates Ms. Alivado's commitment to public service and charity.

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Mahalo nui loa,
DYLAN P. ARMSTRONG
Individual Capacity

*TESTIMONY FOR THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET
THE HONORABLE VAL OKIMOTO, CHAIR*

14 July 2026

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July 14, 2026

The Honorable Val A. Okimoto, Chair
Committee on Budget
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu, Hawaii

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 26-155: Appointment of Shannon L. Alivado to serve on the Grants in Aid Advisory Commission of the City and County of Honolulu; Committee on Budget, Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Dear Chair Okimoto and Members of the Committee on Budget:

Ralph S Inouye Co, Ltd (RSI) and I personally **strongly support** the Appointment of **Shannon L Alivado** to serve on the Grants in Aid Advisory Commission of the City and County of Honolulu. I have known Shannon for decades now while she assisted the General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) and Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc (HECO) and have nothing but admiration for her work ethic in promoting what is best for our City and our Aloha State while supporting her private endeavors. She is fearless and passionate in her work...she does extensive research and investigation into any task to uncover competing interests and can articulate a position with confidence knowing it is in the best interest of whatever industry she is assisting and the welfare of the City and State as well. Besides all she does for our City, State and work at HECO and the GCA, she is a mother of three children and farms in her Waimanalo family farm, more as a release nowadays. With all that said, she still serves our City's community as a member of the Waimanalo Health Center Board of Directors, Waimanalo Agricultural Association, East Oahu Country Farm Bureau, Child and Family Services Board of Directors, and the Catholic Charities of Hawaii Board of Directors. How one can do all that and do them well is what Shannon is all about. Now she is volunteering to help the City to serve on the Grants in Aid Advisory Commission. I personally would quickly confirm her nomination before she changes her mind. I have no doubt she will do what is right and will do it well with all the dedication and skill she has shown us all.

Accordingly, RSI (and I personally) wholeheartedly support the confirmation of **Shannon L Alivado** to serve on the Grants in Aid Advisory Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my opinion of **Shannon**.

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July 13, 2026

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

Budget Committee

City Council Chamber

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

DATE: Tuesday, July 14, 2026

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTION 26-155; APPOINTMENT OF SHANNON ALIVADO TO SERVE ON THE GRANTS IN AID ADVISORY COMMISSION

**To Committee Chair Okimoto, Vice Chair Nishimoto and members of the Honolulu City
Council Budget Committee:**

Hawaii LECET is a labor-management partnership between the Hawaii Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368, its' 5000+ members and its' 250+ unionized contractors. The Laborers' International Union of North America is the largest international construction trade union in the United States and Canada.

Hawaii LECET strongly supports Resolution 26-155, Appointment of Shannon Alivado to serve on the Grants in Aid Advisory Commission. Ms. Alivado is an exceptional choice for this commission due to her extensive background in community advocacy, leadership, and public service. Throughout her career, Ms. Alivado demonstrated a deep commitment to the people of Oahu and a thorough understanding of the unique challenges facing our local communities. Most recently, her proven dedication to public service was highlighted by her leadership as the former Chair of the Honolulu Police Commission. In this high-profile and demanding role, she navigated complex issues with objectivity, transparency and a steadfast commitment to public accountability, qualities that are essential for evaluating city grant allocations.

In addition to her public sector leadership, Ms. Alivado bring valuable corporate, community and legislative expertise through her current role as the Director of Government Relations at Hawaiian Electric company. Her public oversight experience and private sector leadership ensures she will approach the fiscal responsibilities of the Grants in Aid Advisory Commission with a fair-minded and impactful perspective.

Hawaii LECET strongly supports Ms. Shannon Alivado's appointment to the Grants in Aid Advisory Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 26-155

TO: Chair Val A. Okimoto and Members, Committee on Budget

Honolulu City Council

DATE: July 14, 2026

RE: Resolution 26-155 – Confirming the Appointment of Shannon Alivado to the Grants in Aid Advisory Commission

Aloha Chair Okimoto and Committee Members:

I am writing in strong support of Resolution 26-155, confirming Mayor Rick Blangiardi's appointment of Shannon Alivado to the Grants in Aid Advisory Commission for a term expiring January 14, 2030.

Ms. Alivado brings a rare combination of legal training, legislative experience, and hands-on community involvement to this role. She holds a Juris Doctorate from the William S. Richardson School of Law and currently serves as Director of Government Relations at Hawaiian Electric Company, where she leads strategy on state and county legislation. Her background also includes government relations work for the General Contractors Association of Hawaii, service as a legislative committee clerk for the State House of Representatives, and time on the staff of the late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

Equally important is Ms. Alivado's deep record of local board and community service, including her prior terms on the Honolulu Police Commission (Chair, 2021–2022), the Honolulu Real Property Tax Advisory Commission, Catholic Charities of Hawaii, Child and Family Services, Seagull Schools, and the Waimanalo Health Center Board — reflecting a sustained commitment to serving O‘ahu's low- and moderate-income communities, which is precisely the population the Grants in Aid Commission is charged with supporting.

Ms. Alivado's experience reviewing legislation, evaluating funding priorities, and working across government, nonprofit, and private-sector stakeholders makes her well suited to the Commission's duties of reviewing Grants in Aid applications and making funding recommendations to the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify of Resolution 26-155.

Mahalo,

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